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Board of Elections Prepared for First Election Under New Photo ID Law

HAMILTON COUNTY, Ohio - There will be a Primary/Special Election on May 2nd, 2023 with Early Voting beginning on Tuesday, April 4th. This will be the first election in Hamilton County under Ohio's new Photo ID law. The May 2nd Primary/Special Election is not county-wide. Registered voters whose home address is in a community where an election will be held on May 2nd will receive a post card in the mail, with important information from the BOE, with details about Ohio Election Law new ID requirements. Find out if you have a primary election by going to our website VoteHamiltonCountyOhio.gov

There is still time to register to vote or to update a change of name or address for the May 2nd, 2023 Primary/Special Election. The deadline to register or update is Monday, April 3, 2023. The Board of Elections will be open until 9:00PM that evening to receive paper registration forms. Voters can also register or update their address online until 11:59PM. [Check your registration status on our website](#), register or update your registration online, or appear in person at the Board of Elections office, public library, or BMV.

There are three ways to cast your ballot in the May 2nd Primary/Special Election:

1. **Voters may submit an application for a Vote by Mail ballot now.** Ballots will be mailed beginning April 4th. Applications may be [downloaded from our website](#) or requested by calling the Board of Elections at 513-632-7000. The deadline to apply is April 25th - the BOE will be open that day until 8:30pm
2. **Early In-Person Voting, at the Board of Elections, begins on Tuesday, April 4th.** A complete listing of early voting days/hours is attached and [available on our website](#).
3. **Election Day Voting will take place from 6:30am – 7:30pm on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.** You can find your polling location [on our website](#). Please note: There have been some changes in polling locations for the upcoming election. You will receive a notice, in the mail, if your polling location has changed.

"Every election is important, and this May Election is no exception. Find your sample ballot on our website and make a plan to vote early, vote by mail, or vote in person on May 2nd," Director, Sherry Poland, urges. Find your sample ballot on [our website](#).

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ACCEPTABLE ID FOR VOTING CHANGES: There have been several changes to Ohio Election Law that will be in effect for the May 2nd Primary/Special Election. Key changes include:

- **To vote Early In-Person or on Election Day, a voter must present ONE of the following (cannot be expired):**
 - Ohio driver's license or state ID card, or interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV
 - US passport or passport card
 - US military ID card, Ohio National Guard ID card, or US Department of Veterans Affairs ID card
- **Documents no longer accepted as ID to vote:** utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, other government document
 - In-person voters who do not provide a valid ID will be able to vote provisionally
- **To Vote by Mail, a voter must submit ONE of the following (cannot be expired) along with a Vote by Mail Application:**
 - Ohio Driver's License or Ohio ID number
 - Last four digits of the voter's social security number
 - Copy of Photo ID (must include both front & back)

"With the new Photo ID law, it is important that voters know the new requirements BEFORE coming out to vote." says Alex Linser, Deputy Director.

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